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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111 Address to: Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Attorney Docket	GUID-003DIV2
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	First Named Inventor	Charles S. Taylor
	Application Number	09/440,106
	Filing Date	11/15/1999
	Group Art Unit	3736
	Examiner Name	Nasser, Robert L.
	Title	Surgical Devices for Imposing a Negative Pressure to Stabilize Cardiac Tissue During Surgery

Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated May 30, 2003 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before August 30, 2003. A request for a three month extension of time is also submitted herewith making thereby extending the response date to December 1, 2003 (November 30, 2003 being a Sunday). In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

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